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All-COUNTY LETTER NO. 90-53

TO: ALL COUNTY GAIN COORDINATORS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL LIAISONS

SUBJECT: MEDICAL DUES SUBSIDY PROGRAM PROPOSED BY KAISER
PERMANENTE OF NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR
FORMER GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE (GAIN)
PARTICIPANTS

The State Department of Social Services (SDSS) and the State Department of Health Services have been working together to determine the feasibility of implementing a Medical Dues Subsidy Program proposed by Kaiser Permanente of Northern and Southern California for former GAIN participants. The purpose of this letter is to provide a general overview of this program and to provide guidelines for its implementation.

OVERVIEW

During the January 1990 meetings of the GAIN Technical Subcommittee, GAIN Committee of the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), and the March 1990 session of the Medical Care Committee of the CWDA, the Dues Subsidy Program for medical care offered by Kaiser Permanente was discussed. Committee members expressed a great deal of interest in implementing such a program. This Dues Subsidy Program, known in Southern California as the Transition Plan, is intended to subsidize health plan membership dues for former GAIN participants who have been terminated from Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) due to obtaining unsubsidized employment and whose employer does not contribute to health care coverage. Kaiser Permanente is offering this program to all former GAIN participants who meet the eligibility criteria listed under the Dues Subsidy Program Eligibility section below.

DUES SUBSIDY PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

This program will enable clients to receive medical care coverage either free of charge or for a small portion of regular membership dues according to a sliding scale. In order to be eligible for this program, the client must:

- o have been a GAIN participant;
- o have terminated AFDC due to unsubsidized employment (increased hours of employment, increased wages, etc.);
- o have terminated from Transitional Medi-Cal (TMC) or not be eligible for TMC;
- o meet Kaiser Permanente's income and assets guidelines;
- o not have access to a health care coverage plan with employer contributions, and;
- o reside in a Kaiser service area.

GAIN PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY

County GAIN Program staff in Kaiser service areas will be responsible for notifying the participant of the availability of the Dues Subsidy Program. This will include the following:

- o distributing informational brochures to GAIN participants regarding the availability of the Dues Subsidy Program at participant orientation and participant deregistration from GAIN due to employment;
- o informing former GAIN participants who deregistered from GAIN in Fiscal Year 1989/90 (prior to April 1, 1990), due to employment, of the availability of the Dues Subsidy Program. This can be accomplished by sending the participant the Kaiser-provided postcard.

MEDI-CAL PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

Kaiser will not be able to enroll the client until verification of termination or ineligibility for TMC is received. Realizing that a maximum of one year may elapse between termination from AFDC and termination from TMC, Kaiser will provide postcards to Medi-Cal staff which will be sent to the participant. The intent of the postcard is to assist Kaiser in beginning a file for the potential Kaiser enrollee and to shorten the processing time once the participant is terminated from TMC.

Medi-Cal Eligibility Workers are asked to distribute the Kaiser brochure and postcard at the following times:

1. At the time the fourth month Status Report is sent.
2. At the end of the sixth month if the family is being discontinued from TMC.

3. At the time the seventh month Status Report is sent.
4. At the end of the twelfth month when TMC is discontinued.
5. Any time a family is discontinued from TMC.

KAISER PERMANENTE RESPONSIBILITIES

Kaiser will provide Counties with brochures which explain the program to participants and pre-paid postcards for participants to notify Kaiser of their interest in the program. Kaiser will determine eligibility (e.g., income and assets limits) for their program.

Kaiser has expressed an interest in beginning this program in July 1990. They have also offered to provide presentations to individual County Welfare Departments upon request.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

The client is responsible for contacting Kaiser regarding the Dues Subsidy Program. The termination or denial notice of TMC will be the client's verification to Kaiser that they are no longer eligible for TMC benefits.

SERVICE AREAS

All members and their eligible dependents must reside within Kaiser Permanente's service area in order to be eligible to participate in the Kaiser Dues Subsidy Program. The enclosed list specifies which Counties and zip codes are currently in the Kaiser service area.

CONTACT PERSONS

Please contact the Kaiser representative responsible for your service area to answer additional questions you may have regarding the Dues Subsidy Program. The names of GAIN Coordinators and Medi-Cal Liaisons will be given to Kaiser Permanente for them to contact the Counties to work out further details (e.g., ordering brochures and postcards, providing presentations, etc.) For questions concerning the overall implementation of this program, please contact the appropriate Medi-Cal or GAIN Operations person listed below.

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Enclosures

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Kern and Tulare County Zip Codes

93203	93240	93285
93205	93241	93287
93206	93250 through 93252	93300 through 93399
93215 through 93217	93261	93518
93220	93263	93531
93224	93268	93561
93226	93276	93581
93238	93280	93582

Riverside County Zip Codes

91708	92337	92381
91718 through 91720	92340	92383
91752	92343	92387
91760	92344	92388
92220	92348	92395
92223	92353	92396
92303	92360	92500
92313	92362	92501 through 92508
92320	92367	92510 through 92599
92330	92370	
92331	92380	

San Bernardino County Zip Codes

91701	92318	92359
91709	92321	92369
91730	92322	92371 through 92374
91739	92324	92376
91743	92325	92378
91759	92329	92382
91761 through 91764	92333	92385
91786	92335	92386
92303	92339	92391
92305	92341	92392
92307	92345	92398
92308	92346	92399
92310	92352	92400 through 92416
92314	92354	92418
92315	92356	
92317	92358	

San Diego County Zip Codes

92001	92040	92083
92002	92041	92093
92007	92045	92100 through 92129
92008	92047	92131
92010 through 92012	92048	92133 through 92140
92014	92050	92145
92016	92053	92154
92017	92054	92155
92019 through 92022	92056	92161
92024 through 92027	92062 through 92065	92162
92031	92067 through 92071	92173
92032	92073	92177
92035	92075	92182
92037	92077 through 92080	
92038	92082	

Eligible Service Area Zip Codes (September 1989)

The Service Area

All members and their eligible dependents must live within our Plan's Northern California service area. The service area of our Plan is the geographical area within a 30-mile radius of a Kaiser Permanente medical facility in the 21 counties named below. **Note:** Zip Codes **do not** define the service area as they are added and deleted frequently by the Post Office.

The following counties lie entirely within the service area:

- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- Marin
- Sacramento
- San Francisco
- San Mateo
- Solano

Only certain Zip Codes in the following counties lie within the service area:

- Amador
- El Dorado
- Fresno
- Kings
- Madera
- Napa
- Placer
- San Joaquin
- Santa Clara
- Sonoma
- Sutter
- Tulare
- Yolo
- Yuba

All APOs and FPOs in the 96000 series of Zip Codes do not meet our residence eligibility requirements and are excluded from our service area.

Alameda County		Madera County		San Francisco County		Solano County	
94501	94568	93637-39	93645			94510	94589-92
94536-46	94577-80			94100-99		94512	95620
94550-52	94582					94533	95625
94555	94584	94901-15	94945-50			94535	95647
94557	94586-88	94920	94956-57			94571	95688
94560	94601-99	94924-25	94960				
94566	94701-99	94929-30	94963-66				
		94933-34	94970-71				
		94937-42	94973-74				
Amador County		Napa County		San Joaquin County		Sonoma County	
95640	95669	94508	94573-74	95201-13	95290	94922-23	95436
		94515	94576	95220	95297	94927-28	95439
		94558-59	94581	95227	95304	94931	95441-42
		94562	94599	95230-31	95320	94951-54	95444
		94567		95234	95330-31	94972	95446
				95236-37	95336	94975	95448
				95240-42	95366	95401-09	95450
				95253	95385	95413	95452
				95258	95686	95416	95462
				95269		95419	95465
						95421	95471-73
						95425	95476
						95430-31	95486-87
						95433	95492
Contra Costa County		Placer County		San Mateo County		Sutter County	
94504	94561	95603-04	95677-78	94002	94044		
94507	94563-65	95648	95681	94005	94060-66		
94509	94569-70	95650	95703	94010-11	94070		
94511	94572	95658	95722	94014-21	94074		
94513-14	94575	95661	95736	94025-26	94080		
94516-31	94583	95663	95746	94027-28	94083		
94547-49	94593-98			94030	94097-99		
94553	94801-99			94037-38	94401-99		
94556							
El Dorado County		Sacramento County		Santa Clara County		Tulare County	
95613-14	95651	94203-8	95624	94022-24	95026	93618	93673
95619	95664	94211	95626	94035	95030-32	93666	
95623	95667	94230	95628	94039-43	95035		
95630	95672	94232	95630	94086-89	95037-38		
95633-35	95682	94234-35	95632	94301-99	95042		
95643	95727	94239-40	95638-39	95002	95044		
		94242-44	95641	95008-09	95046		
		94246-50	95652	95011	95050-55		
		94252-54	95655	95013-16	95070-71		
		94256-59	95660	95020-21	95101-99		
		94261-63	95662				
		94267-69	95670-71				
		94271	95673				
		94273-74	95680				
		94277-80	95683				
		94282-91	95690				
		94293-99	95693				
		95608-11	95741-42				
		95615	95758-59				
		95621	95800-99				
Fresno County		Kings County		Yuba County			
93242	93648-52						
93602	93654						
93606-07	93656-57						
93609	93660						
93612-13	93662						
93616	93667-68						
93624-27	93675						
93630-31	93701-94						
93646	93844-88						

Los Angeles County Zip Codes

90001 through 90073	91020	91461
90077	91023	91462
90175	91024	91463
90201 through 90296	91030	91470
90301 through 90313	91040	91475
90401 through 90406	91042	91478
90501 through 90505	91046	91500 through 91508
90507 through 90510	91100 through 91111	91510
90513	91114	91516
90522	91123 through 91126	91520
90524	91131	91521
90601 through 90610	91200 through 91211	91523
90612	91213 through 91216	91600 through 91609
90637	91218	91702
90640	91222	91706
90650	91223	91711
90651	91231	91722
90660	91242	91723
90670	91243	91724
90701	91260	91731 through 91734
90704	91266	91740
90706	91267	91744 through 91750
90710	91270	91754
90712 through 90717	91274	91765 through 91770
90723	91277	91773
90731 through 90733	91280	91775 through 91778
90744 through 90749	91301 through 91307	91780
90800 through 90810	91310	91789
90812 through 90818	91311	91790 through 91793
90820	91316	91801 through 91808
90822	91321 through 91328	91810
90823	91330 through 91332	91870
90826	91335	93510
90827	91340 through 91346	93513
90831	91350 through 91352	93532
90840	91355	93534
90844	91356	93535
90848	91364 through 91368	93536
90910	91400 through 91416	93539
91001	91423	93543
91002	91426	93544
91006	91430 through 91436	93550
91007	91440	93553
91010	91443	93563
91011	91446	
91016	91450	

Orange County Zip Codes

90620 through 90624	92605	92686
90630	92614	92690 through 92693
90631	92621	92701 through 92710
90680	92624 through 92638	92711 through 92720
90720	92640 through 92653	92726 through 92728
90740	92655	92730
90742	92660 through 92669	92801 through 92803
90743	92675 through 92678	92806
90805	92680	92807
92601	92683	93670